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For: PROLAMIN-BASED SUSTAINED-  
RELEASE COMPOSITIONS AND  
DELAYED ONSET COMPOSITIONS

Attorney Docket No.: 9463-014-999

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 16, 2002 ("Office Action"), please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application. Submitted herewith is a Petition for a three (3) month extension of time, from July 16, 2002 to and including October 16, 2002, accompanied by the required fee. Thus this response is timely filed.

No other fee is believed due. However, should any additional fees be required, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. A sustained-release composition comprising a core wherein said core comprises one or more active agents in combination with excipients comprising one or more prolamins and one or more gelling agents, wherein said one or more prolamins is about 30%